

**CONSIDERATION OF RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Sections 160.518, 160.545, 161.092,  
161.210 and 163.031 RSMo.

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**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:**

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) received a request from the Riverview Gardens School District on October 19, 2015, asking that the State Board of Education consider reclassifying the school district as provisionally accredited. The State Board of Education declined to take action on this request as the district did not demonstrate multiple years of performance at the provisionally accredited level.

Due to statutorily required changes to the state assessment system for the spring 2016 administration, student achievement data needed for the calculation of the Annual Performance Report (APR) will be available much later than is routine, causing a delay in the calculation of the APR.

The State Board acknowledged that these factors were beyond the control of the Riverview Gardens School District and in December 2015 directed the Department to develop a framework to be used as the basis for developing an off-cycle classification recommendation. During the January 12, 2016, meeting, the State Board approved the framework to be utilized. While the Department found improvement in the Riverview Gardens School District in some systems reviews and student outcomes, preliminary data do not provide sufficient evidence to support an off-cycle recommendation of the district's classification.

**PRESENTER:**

Chris Neale, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Quality Schools, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education take no action at this time.